



4-H Clover Flyer

WAUKESHA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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“The beauty of collaboration between older and younger generations is that we combine strength with wisdom, a surefire way to accomplish more...” Brett Harris

Dear 4-H Families,

Welcome to a new 4-H year! Since I am new to Waukesha County, everything is new to me and I have had some wonderful conversations with many of you and I am looking forward to talking to more of you soon. (Leaders, if you haven't set up a time to meet with me please do so by September 8th.) I want to thank everyone for completing the Survey Monkey I sent out when I first started. The recurring theme on the survey as a strength of the Waukesha County 4-H program was the VOLUNTEERS' commitment. The three themes that were conveyed by numerous people were the need for marketing 4-H, leader trainings, and more opportunities for youth to lead. From this needs assessment, I, along with committee members, will not only address these needs, but I will be looking at the Waukesha County Visioning document and continue to meet with community leaders to talk about widening the circle of 4-H influence in the county. I have always liked this quote: “Those *who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer*”. – Author Unknown. In the short time I have been here, I am truly proud of the dedication, and commitment of the volunteers who embrace the vision of 4-H to be the catalyst for positive community youth development.

Enthusiastically,

Cindy Sarkady

Waukesha County 4-H Youth Development Educator

WEBSITES & EMAILS OF INTEREST

Waukesha County 4-H <http://waukesha.uwex.edu/>
Waukesha County Fair <http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/>
Waukesha County 4-H Horse Association <http://www.wc4horse.org/>
Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo <http://www.wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-exhibits/>
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Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/>

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SEPTEMBER

- 1 Start of 2015-2016 4-H year
- 2 4-H Record Book Drop Off, Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm G23, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188, 6-8 PM
- 3 4-H Record Books and ME Forms due to 4-H office, 4:30 PM
- 3 4-H Online Enrollment Opens for Waukesha County families
- 9 4-H Activity Center/Promotion Meeting, Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm G25, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188, 7-9 PM
- 19 NEW Forestry, Weeds, Entomology and Horticulture program meeting, UW-Waukesha Field Station, W349S1480 S Waterville Rd, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, 10 AM-12 PM
- 22 4-H Project Leader Training: Brainstorming Session, Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm G25, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188, 6-8 PM
- 23 New (1-3 years) 4-H Leaders Feedback Round Table Meeting, Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm 255-259, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188, 7-8:30 PM

OCTOBER

- 1 Junior and Senior Members Award Forms due to 4-H office, 4:30 PM
- 6 New 4-H Families Feedback Meeting, Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm G55, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188, 7-8:30 PM
- 8 4-H Volunteer e-Forum: 'The Heart of Belonging', Waukesha Public Library, Community Rm, 321 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186, 6-7:30 PM
- 13 4-H Youth Protection Volunteer Orientation Leader Training, Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm G55, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188, 7-9 PM
- 24 ME Interviews, Oconomowoc Public Library, 200 W South St, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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NEWSLETTER – CLOVER FLYER

Welcome to Waukesha County 4-H. This 4-H Clover Flyer is sent out six times per year with important information relating to you! It is published around the 1st of January, March, May, July, September, and November. For the calendar, 4-H forms, and other information, check our website at: <http://waukesha.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>.

Our business hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please note the 4-H Program Assistant is in the office Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Friday from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. Please allow time for your requests and give deadlines, as service on demand is not always possible.

Check out the Waukesha County UW-Extension Facebook page for up-to-date information on educational resources: <https://www.facebook.com/UWExtWaukesha>.

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4-H NEWS

Fair Fever II Summary

By **attending** the Waukesha County Fair, by **promoting** 4-H in wearing your t-shirts, caps, buttons, etc., and by **participating** in performing at the Youth in Action Stage as well as entering projects for display, you show fairgoers all that 4-H has to offer. You also help support the Waukesha County Fair, which is the highlight and culmination of the 4-H year.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Prairie Pioneers** which had the highest level of participation in the program with **84%** of the club attending, promoting, and/or participating at Fair this year. Many clubs had at least two-thirds of their members participating in the program. Also, congratulations to **4-Leaf, Cooney Clovers, Muckey, Prairie Pioneers, and Washington** clubs as they had the highest level of participation at the Youth in Action Stage with member performances showing fairgoers what 4-H has to offer.

THANK YOU to all those members who participated in this year's Enrollment Promotion Program – Fair Fever II! Hopefully, you “got” the “fever” . . . and will continue to catch it every year!

Sponsored by the Waukesha County 4-H Leaders' Association
Expansion/Promotion/Review Committee

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4-H'ERS IN WAUKESHA COUNTY

This year the fair had 444 Waukesha County 4-H youth members enter 3,452 entries in the fair, including 59 selected to be in the WI State Fair. These totals included events judged pre-fair; however, entries were only included in the total if they registered them with the fair online.

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Waukesha County 4-H youth members have the opportunity to have their paintings, photos, or framed art work on display in the Waukesha County Administration Center's cafeteria. The submitted pieces hang in the cafeteria for a few months. Interested youth members should contact Cindy Sarkady, the 4-H Youth Educator: 262-548-7770 Cindy.Sarkady@ces.uwex.edu.

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To help with the bookkeeping process when checks are turned into the UW-Extension office, please put in the memo what the payment is covering. Example:

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for	\$65 camp and \$35 enrollment fee	<i>Amazing 4-H parent</i>
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AWARDS COMMITTEE

ME Interviews will be held on October 24th at the Oconomowoc Public Library. Please note the change in location this year. Schedules will be mailed out to qualified members in late September.

Terri Johnson
Awards chair

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SILENT AUCTION COMMITTEE

The Silent Auction raised \$2893.00 at the Fair this past year. Thank you to all clubs and individuals that donated items for the auction.

Every club received a green 4-H bag with the enrollment packet this year. The Silent Auction committee would like every club to put together a theme basket for the Silent Auction for next year's fair (2016). We are looking to increase the income from this fundraiser. The bag may be used as the "basket" or you can come up with another container for your items. Some examples include - movie, dog care, gardening, car care, etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at terrijohnson@wi.rr.com. Details about where to turn in the basket will be announced as fair gets closer.

Terri Johnson
Silent Auction co-chair

4-H EVENTS

FAIR 4-H ACTIVITY CENTER WRAP UP / WAUKESHA CO. 4-H PROMOTION

WED., SEPT. 9th – 7 P.M. – COURTHOUSE / CAC RM G26

Check out supplies still available for activity center or other 4-H use.

What were our strengths in promoting and what were our challenges this year? Begin plans for next year Activity Center and 4-H promotion at fair as well as yearlong 4-H promotion.

Can we put together a Waukesha County 4-H open house in October?

Who: All who were involved this past year plus fresh minds with new ideas. Please extend the invitation to 4-H teens, and especially newer 4-H parents.

Comments/Suggestions – RSVP to Sandie or Cindy by September 4th if you plan to attend:

Sandie Heberling 4-H Promotion committee 262-662-3551 Knsheb@att.net

Cindy Sarkady 4-H Youth Educator 262-548-7770 Cindy.Sarkady@ces.uwex.edu

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FIND THE HEART OF 4-H — 2015 NORTH CENTRAL REGION VOLUNTEER E-FORUMS!

Find the Heart of 4-H with the e-Forums! (See page 18.)

This year's theme for the e-Forums is "Find the Heart of 4-H" and helps volunteers learn new ideas and strategies for infusing heart and strengthening their 4-H clubs and groups.

We hope you'll join us as we "Find the Heart of 4-H" this fall with the North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forums! To register, or for more information, please call the 4-H Program Assistant, at 262-548-7774, or email tbull@waukeshacounty.gov.

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VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION LEADER TRAINING (VOLT)!

If you or someone you know would like to become a 4-H leader, attend 4-H Youth Protection Volunteer Orientation Leader Training (VOLT). VOLT is mandatory for all volunteers before working with 4-H youth or finances. Untrained volunteers are not covered by the 4-H Leaders' insurance. VOLT is a requirement to chaperone at 4-H Summer Camp, cashier in the 4-H Food Stand at the Waukesha County Fair, or volunteer with any Waukesha County 4-H club.

NEW: The 4-H Youth Protection VOLT sessions will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, October 13, 2015, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., in Rm G55 of the Waukesha County Administration Center (515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188)

Tuesday, November 17, 2015, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., in Rm 255-259 of the Waukesha County Administration Center (515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188)

To register, or for more information, please call the 4-H Program Assistant, at 262-548-7774, or email tbull@waukeshacounty.gov.

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ADULT AND YOUTH LEADERS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FALL FORUM AND HALL OF FAME CELEBRATION

Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders!!!

What: Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

When: November 6-8, 2015 (starting with registration at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 6 and ending 10:30 a.m. November 8)

Where: Chula Vista, Wisconsin Dells

Who: Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7th – 13th grade youth
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

Cost:

- \$100 registration fee for youth and for adults
(Includes 4 meals, breaks, facility fees and supplies) Market Fresh Buffet will be used for lunch and breakfasts.
- Lodging:
 - Adults
 - \$60/night if there are a minimum of two adults
 - \$75 - Single adult room
 - \$35/night with three or more adults per room
 - Youth
 - \$35/night with three – four youth per room
 - Note: The room cost increases if there is more than one person. This is why the room rates are not half of the single room rate.

The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 25 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where 10 people will be inducted in to the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level.

All youth participants need to have a chaperon who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

Top Ten Reasons Youth and Adult Leaders Will Want To Attend!

1. 15+ interactive sessions Friday night... science , archery, 4-H Military Kids , exploring Upham Woods,
2. 25+ sessions Saturday from electricity and photography to first generation 4-H and team building
3. Hear the Vision for 4-H from State Program Director Dale Leidheiser
4. Get to meet adults and youth from around the state
5. See youth adult partnerships in action
6. Networking and idea sharing
7. Be part of Wisconsin's largest university youth outreach program!!
8. Great ideas and projects to take home to use in clubs, schools and community settings
9. Have fun!
10. Celebrate Wisconsin 4-H and learn more about First Generation 4-H! (Continued onto next page.)

Ask your county Extension Staff about registering today.

Register through [4-HOnline](#) beginning September 4th. Registration will end September 28th.

Additional Details on Fall Forum:

- [Staff Letter](#) highlighting registration details; information about Fall Forum; and who can participate. Registration will be through 4-H Online
- [Fall Forum Schedule](#) – This schedule provides enough detail on workshop offerings and the program for the weekend
- [Workshop Descriptions](#) – Participants will find this helpful to review so they know what will be offered and can make workshop selections prior to registering in 4-H online.

Please share the schedule and workshop listing with interested youth and adult leaders. These can also be found on the [Fall Forum web page](#).

For those of you not familiar with Fall Forum:

Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from Adult Leader Council (ALC) and Youth Leader Council (YLC) with the support of county and state staff; we hope you will promote to youth and adult leaders in your county!

The purpose of Fall Forum:

Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers

- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging environment to facilitate discussion between counties

Provide an opportunity for youth and adult volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluating of statewide programs.

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ANIMAL SCIENCES

COUNTY FISHING GROUP PROJECT

Washington 4-H Club member Noah Carver competed as the Wisconsin representative to the World Championship the week of August 16, 2015. He qualified for this by fishing with our Waukesha 4-H program!!!

AND our Waukesha 4-H Fishing leader Jim Jones competed in the FLW Cup World Championship the week of August 16, 2015, the biggest fishing tournament in the world.

We watched www.flwoutdoors.com to follow their progress. We will let you know when they will be on TV this fall.

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MECHANICAL SCIENCES

MODELCLUB

calendar for 2015-2016

9/12/15 Modelclub Meeting at Milwaukee 4-H
10/3/15 Orangecon Anaheim CA
10/23-25/15 MMSI Chicago Show Marriott Schaumburg
10/31/15 THE HAM SHOW! Lake Lodge in Milwaukee
11/14/15 O'Hare IPMS Show Darien IL
11/21/15 Modelclub Meeting at Milwaukee 4-H
12/5/15 Foodcrawl
1/20/16 Iron Beaver Setup Meeting at Waukesha Expo
2/13/16 Modelclub Meeting & Intro to Model Railroading at Milwaukee 4-H
3/12/16 Modelclub Meeting & Intro to Railway Dioramas at Milwaukee 4-H
4/8-9/16 SCAHMS Show Anaheim CA
4/23/16 Modelclub Meeting
5/14/16 Milwaukee Veterans Classic Show at the VA Hospital
5/21/16 NIMCON McHenry IL

June Meeting to Be Arranged

2016 Iron Beaver Line Theme

Tales My Father Told Me (or mother or grandparents if you wish). It is a rule of law that every parent tells their kids about how they had to walk uphill in both directions to school in below zero weather fighting droves of vampire penguins enroute. You get the idea.

2016 Modelclub Suggested Themes for Fair

The General Theme for the following categories is: What did you do in the war daddy? (Or mom or grandparents or great grandparents). Build a model of something your family operated in the military.

Aircraft, Cars, Ships, Figures, Armor

We are adding a new Natural History theme for 2016 DINOSAURS!

The 2016 HAM SHOW:

The 16th Annual HAM SHOW model show will be held on Halloween (that's October 31, 2015) at the Lake Lodge Masonic Hall in Milwaukee from 9-3. ALL monies raised will benefit the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House and all unbuilt kits donated will go to the Zablocki VA Hospital.

The U.S. Junior Scale Modeling Team will compete in Anaheim Ca. on October 3 at Orangecon. We will also compete on October 23-25 in Chicago at the MMSI Chicago International Show and on 11/14 in McHenry IL at the O'Hare IPMS Show.

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MODEL ROCKETRY

Congratulations to this year's rocket launch winners. Senior Champion was **Nathan Drisko**, Junior Champion was **Brooke Brady**, and Merit went to Junior **Sam Holmquist**.

Watch the next Clover Flyer for next year's meetings to start in January of 2016.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or email flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

SILVER FOX TRAIN PROJECT

The Silver Fox Train Project is truly a countywide project - our Waukesha County Fair display included members from eight different clubs. If you're interested in joining this project, register for Model Railroad (Lionel). Cloverbuds can participate without registering specifically for model railroad. We use Lionel tracks and trains (O scale) and focus more on creativity and imagination than precision and detail. Our meetings are typically one Saturday a month from January to May and are posted in the Clover Flyer and on the 4-H Calendar. If you would like more information, you can contact Charity at [262-391-6426](tel:262-391-6426) cell/text or charity01134@gmail.com.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

FORESTRY/HORTICULTURE/WEEDS/ENTOMOLOGY

The Forestry/Horticulture/Weeds/Entomology club will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 pm at the UW-Waukesha Field Station (W349S1480 S. Waterville Road, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin 53066). Wear comfortable hiking clothes (pants and solid shoes). Bring a water bottle and insect repellent. These dates will take place Rain or Shine, as there is an indoor classroom available. Feel free to bring a Picnic Lunch to share and enjoy with everyone upon the completion of the meeting! Mark your calendars now for our next meetings:

September 19: Fall is the PERFECT time to catch insects! We'll take a brief hike out to collect some insects, then head inside to learn how to identify, pin, label, and display them. If you're lucky, you'll catch enough insects to display at the fair next year!

BRING:

1. Insect net, if you have one.
2. Killing jar, if you have one.
3. 1 foot square piece of Styrofoam (approximate size only) and/or a cardboard box (that Styrofoam fits snugly into) to safely transport your insects.

October 17: Once the trees start losing their leaves, how do you identify them? We'll discuss techniques for identifying defoliated trees, then take a hike through the woods to practice our new-found skills!

Please RSVP to Gayle Nicoll at alexnicoll@verizon.net or call 412-965-7046.

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NATIONAL WHEP WILDLIFE & FORESTRY CONTEST

Serena Nicoll joined Emma Meyer (Dodge County), Jacob Miller (Washington County), and Morgan Smeaton (Washington County) in representing Wisconsin at the National WHEP contest in Columbiana, Alabama in August. **(See team picture on page 10.)** The Wisconsin team placed 10th overall, out of approximately 25 teams. Serena placed 39th individually out of approximately 80 contestants. For more information on how you can become involved in the state WHEP program, contact Gayle Nicoll at alexnicoll@verizon.net. (Continued onto next page.)



The WHEP workshop and contest was held on August 8th. Serena Nicoll was a Youth Leader for the Forestry section of the workshop, where youth learned about leaf classification and identification, as well as tree diseases, and pacing. In the Wildlife area, youth learned about range management, wildlife concepts and terms, food types, management practices, and wildlife identification. Serena Nicoll placed 1st in all areas of the Wildlife contest. For the associated Art Exhibit, Lyta Nicoll's wood samples received a blue ribbon, while Serena Nicoll's tree diseases and forestry leaf collection both received blue ribbons.



Picture, above: Serena Nicoll teaches a group at the WHEP contest about tree ID.

NATURAL SCIENCES

SHOOTING SPORTS

Reminder, each 4-H member involved in doing “any shooting” in the 4-H Shooting Sports Program **MUST fill out both the Waiver/Code of Conduct AND the Medical Consent forms. With the NEW 4-H ON-LINE ENROLLMENT all forms are now “on-line” and need to be filled out.**

NOTE: The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is open to any regular 4-H member, **3rd grade and above.** Sorry, but due to insurance and safety reasons, Cloverbuds **CANNOT** participate in ANY area of the Shooting Sports Program.

Reminder, all members and leaders **MUST** sign up for the **shooting sports discipline** they wish to participate in or are “certified in” (leaders), **EACH YEAR! DO NOT SIGN UP UNDER THE “SHOOTING SPORTS” LISTING, AS THAT IS A GENERIC LISTING AND DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO ANY PARTICULAR DISCIPLINE!** Also, members **MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OLD** to participate in doing any actual shooting of any **POWDER BURNING FIREARMS**, i.e. .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Shotgun, or Muzzleloading. These are both State 4-H and National 4-H Guidelines.

RIFLE / AIR RIFLE

Congratulations to this year’s Champion in .22 rifle, **Alex Stephens**, 1st year, 1 position, who shot a 164 out of 200.

Practices will be beginning on **Monday, October 26th**, for rifle, air rifle, pistol & air pistol. Practices will be held every Monday night, and will run through March, at the indoor range at Hillcrest Park (the old Nike Site), 2119 Davidson Road, Waukesha. Starting time is 7:00 PM. Depending on the numbers that show up each night, practice sessions may have to be alternated each week due to only 8 shooting lanes available.

Those who shoot the air rifle and air pistol, are limited to only pellets, **NO BB’s**. Reminder, for both .22 and .177 pellet rifle, those who are in the second year (sitting position), third year (kneeling position) and fourth year (standing position), **have these additional positions to practice for the fair shoot.** Cost is \$2.00 per night and you need to bring your own equipment (including eye and ear protection) and ammo (**see note below**), **NO RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE!**

SPECIAL NOTE: Even though there is still a shortage and lack of availability of ammunition, I have some “Good News and some Bad News”. Thanks to a special program that 4-H was able to participate in again this year, I was able to get some .22 ammunition for this upcoming 4-H year, and I will have both boxes of 50 rounds and bulk cartons of 325 rounds. The “**BAD NEWS**” is that the cost of the ammunition has **GONE UP**, but it is still cheaper than what is available out there, **IF** it can be found! Cost of the 50 round boxes will be \$3.00 each and the bulk carton of 325 rounds will be \$20.00 per carton. Again, there is a limited quantity of this ammunition, and once it is gone, it’s gone!

ARCHERY

Congratulations to this year’s Champions, for Intermediate – **Samuel Holmquist** for Recurve with no aids; **Kendall Wiberg** for Compound with aids. For Seniors – **Chase McCann** for Recurve with no aids and **Tristan Buddenhagen** for Compound with aids (score of 149 and 11 “X’s”). Max possible score is 150.

Next year’s Archery season will begin in January, 2016. More information will be in the next Clover Flyer.

SHOTGUN / TRAP SHOOTING

Congratulations to this year's Champion, **Dani DeCloux**, who shot a 19 out of 25, with 12 clay pigeons in a row.

Look for the Shotgun/Trapshooting to start up again in late April or May of 2016.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or email flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

BROOKFIELD BLAZERS

The Brookfield Blazers had great participation in the Waukesha County Fair and we'd like to thank all the families that volunteered countless hours across numerous events at the fair. The Blazers are sponsoring a 4-H youth member in Haiti so that member can attend their 2016 National Youth Conference. In September, the Blazers will be hosting a new member open house on September 1st. We will also be presenting a scarecrow at Retzer Nature Center during Apple Fest. Looking ahead to October, we are planning a Science Night after our business meeting. This is always a fun evening and every member is encouraged to bring a friend!

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CENTER OAK

Center Oak 4-H has had a busy and fun summer! Many 4-H members attended and participated in the Waukesha County Fair. They all had fun and learned more about their projects through the Fair experience. Pictured are Francesca Smith, Trinity Dahl, and Olivia Smith at the Dog Show (Cody and Argos also pictured).



On August 18th, Shorehaven, Oconomowoc's assisted living center, held its own State Fair. This is an opportunity for the 4-H Club members to share the excitement of fair projects with the Shorehaven residents. A number of Center Oak members attended the Shorehaven State Fair: Clarissa Cull; Francesca Smith; Min Yeong Kim, an international 4-H exchange student; and Theresa Oman.



(Pictured are Clarissa Cull with the Shorehaven State Fair Queen).



The August 4-H club meeting was held with many members attending. The club held its annual potluck. We are looking forward to another great 4-H year.
Submitted by: Olivia Smith, Center Oak 4-H Reporter

MUCKY 4-H CLOGGERS

The Mucky 4-H Cloggers, with over 12 members this year, was busy performing around the county and around the state! This year, the cloggers performed at the Waukesha County Fair, the Milwaukee State Fair, and Tudor Oaks assisted living facility. The group has invitations to perform at other venues in the coming months. If you would like to join the Mucky 4-H Cloggers, all ages and ability levels are welcome! We do the teaching: you bring the enthusiasm! We meet every Tuesday evening at Tudor Oaks. For more information on the Mucky 4-H Cloggers, email Dorothy Riesing at tariesing@yahoo.com, and check out the group's NEW



WEBSITE: http://websites.iclog.us/Mucky_4-H_Cloggers.html.

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OTTAWA

The Ottawa Club has been busy this summer with the county fair and promoting 4-H. Our club members did wonderful at fair and their excitement was contagious! Our club participated in helping with the 4-H kitchen prepping for fair - lots of hands made for an easy work day! For Dousman Derby Days the club participated in the parade by having a float and wearing our new Ottawa Club T-Shirts. (Continued onto next page.)

The Tessman family has been opening their house and hearts to Sooah, from South Korea, for the 4-H exchange program. **(See picture, below.)** They have had a wonderful time creating memories by going to 4-H camp and going on many other adventures. We are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead that will be packed with great memories and personal achievements!



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PRAIRIE PIONEERS



The Prairie Pioneers have been having lots of fun. We rode horses for a recent monthly activity, and had a picnic. We also had fun doing projects and volunteering at Waukesha County Fair. **(See picture on page 15.)** We are looking forward to our upcoming activities, which include highway pickup.



Submitted by: Danielle, Prairie Pioneers 4-H

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WASHINGTON

The Washington 4-H Club enjoyed hosting a celebration of Dairy month at our general meeting last June. We had a dairy council presentation and ice cream social. Our newly elected officers for next year, pictured below, are Brianna Jones president; Alanna Szczech vice president; Katie Bugenhagen secretary; Crystal Stowers treasurer; and Body Jones reporter. (Continued onto next page.)



Our members had a lot of fun and worked hard at county fair. Our club exhibited in many projects, showed in all the animal breeds, the auction, performed on the Action Stage, worked three shifts in the food stand, did demos on stage, worked the activity center and 4-H info booth, and much more. Then they headed right to camp.... We had 5 kids as camp staff/counselors/CITs, 6 more kids as campers and several parent volunteers. In August, our club performed our Curtain Call Performance at State Fair and received perfect scores! (See picture, below.) Great job kids!



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MORE OPPORTUNITIES!

The 2015-16 Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council application with election information has been posted to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wi-4-h-leader-council/>. For the first time this year, both adults and youth will complete an application for the new combined Council. Please help us identify great candidates.

The deadline for applications is ***No later than September 28th***. Electronic files sent to the attention of Terry Boehner are preferred: terry.boehner@ces.uwex.edu.

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TAKE THE LEAD: YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS SERIES

It's the end of the summer, and Washington County 4-H is planning ahead for the program year. UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development staff in Washington County will be working with youth to facilitate three skill-building workshops for youth leaders (or aspiring youth leaders). These workshops are open to neighboring county youth. Please spread the word to any youth leaders who you think may be interested in these opportunities. (See page 19.)

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FOREST FUNGI PROJECT

The Lankau lab at University of Wisconsin-Madison has created a citizen science program entitled [FOREST FUNGI PROJECT](http://forestfungiproject.org). We need help from 4-H students and volunteers in Wisconsin! This project was designed and initiated towards non-professional scientists and students. We designed a project that makes contributing to scientific research easy, fun, and educational for all ages. It is simple and free! Go to forested area and collect tree roots, soils, and take pictures of your target tree species. We only have a few more weeks before the leaves start falling and we are lacking in samples from Wisconsin. So, we are eliciting help from fellow Wisconsin educators.

We aim to understand how microbes (specifically, fungi found in tree roots) can change due to climate change. Understanding the role of plant-fungal interactions for tree seedling growth and function, and how these interactions vary across climatic gradients, could substantially increase the accuracy of our predictions of ecological responses to warming climates. Additionally, this research will provide a vital first step toward developing management strategies for conserving biodiversity in the face of climate change through planned translocations and restoration projects that incorporate soil microbial communities as well as plant species.

Please visit our site (forestfungiproject.org) to see how easy it is for your 4-H students and volunteers to contribute to this national citizen science project. See the field guide for easy access (available on the [4-H Projects page](#) of the Waukesha County UW-Extension website). Email any questions, concerns, shipping details to callsup@wisc.edu.

Thank you,
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2015 North Central Region 4-H Volunteer e-Forum

Waukesha County 4-H Volunteers “Let’s Get Energized” Network with volunteers, county-based staff and state specialists from the 12 states in the North Central Region! Leave with new ideas you can use to infuse heart into your 4-H programs!

The **heart** of Belonging

Learn how to guide youth in developing a list of club or group expectations that accommodates all members, to support youth with special needs, and discover resources to help you in your role as a caring adult. Leave with activities that will help you foster positive behavior, belonging, and inclusion in your club!

- **October 8, 2015.....6:00-7:30 p.m.**
Waukesha Public Library, Community Rm, 321 Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha, WI 53186

The **heart** of Community

Volunteers in this session will be prepared to help youth find their voices as they become actively engaged in their communities. The session will include resources and models to incorporate mastery, belonging, generosity, and independence as you include citizenships activities in 4-H settings.

- **November 10, 2015.....7:00-8:30 p.m.**
Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm 255-259, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188

Encouraging the **heart** of Leadership

Young people do not magically become leaders at age 13! Leadership is nurtured from their first 4-H experience. You’ll receive tools to help inspire youth of all ages to discover and develop independence and mastery.

- **December 8, 2015.....7:00-8:30 p.m.**
Waukesha County Administration Center (CAC), Rm G55, 515 W Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188

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To register for the e-Forums, contact Teri Bull at tbull@waukeshacounty.gov a week before each e-Forum.

The 2015 4-H Volunteer e-Forum has been developed and provided by the 12 states of the North Central Region.

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Take the Lead

Challenge yourself & grow your leadership skills



This workshop series is open to any youth enrolled in the youth leadership project or who serves as a youth leader in a specific project area. It's also open to any youth who want to be youth leaders in the future, and are ready to start working on their skills now! Other 4-H youth in leadership roles (ambassadors, officers, Special Emphasis team members, etc.) are also encouraged to participate. Sign up by clicking on the Google form link:

<https://goo.gl/B5f2zl> or calling (262) 335-4478.

Workshop Title	Description	Date & Time	Location
4-H Meetings That Engage Your Brain	Have you ever been bored at a 4-H meeting? Boost your brain power with seven brain enhancers to make your meetings more enjoyable. These activities will add interaction and movement to club and project meetings. You will leave this workshop with activities you can teach at meetings or other 4-H events.	Wednesday, December 16 2015 6:30-8:00 pm (Register by December 11)	United Way Hartford Resource Center, 1121 E. Sumner St., Hartford, WI
Speak Up! Public Speaking for Youth Leaders	If your knees shake and you start to sweat when you have to speak in front of a group, this workshop is for you. We will start with basic activities that will help you build your confidence as a public speaker. You will leave this workshop with strategies to be better prepared the next time it's your turn to present.	Monday, February 29 2016 6:30-8:00 pm (Register by February 24)	Public Agency Center Room 1113 A/B 333 E. Washington St. West Bend, WI
Demonstrate Like a Pro	Demonstrations are a key part of the 4-H experience. Learn how to plan a demonstration by breaking it down into smaller chunks, and find out the difference between an excellent demonstration and a demonstration that needs some work. By the end of this workshop, you will know how to do your next demonstration in a way that will truly teach your audience something new.	Thursday, April 28 6:30-8:00 pm (Register by April 25)	Washington County Fair Park 3000 Hwy PV West Bend, WI Pavilion Room 112



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